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7. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₁, R₂, R₅, R₇, and R₁₀ are each hydrogen.

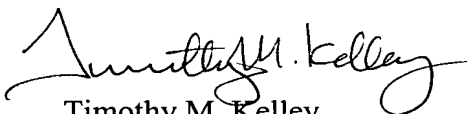
8. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein X is -NZ- and Z is C₁ - C₃ alkyl, with the proviso that when R₁₁ is bond, then R₁₂ and Z are bonded together to form a cycle selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

9. (Amended) A composition characterized by a compound according to Claim 1 and a carrier.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to conform to U.S. Patent Office practice. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fees.

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In the Claims:

3 (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein X is selected from the group consisting of -NH- and -NZ-.

4. (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein R₄, R₈, and R₉ are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and heteroalkyl; and wherein R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and lower alkyl.

5. (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein R₆ and R_{6'} are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, and lower alkyl; with the proviso that optionally R₆ and R_{6'} together are oxo.

6. (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein R₁₂ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl; with the proviso that when R₁₁ is bond, then R₁₂ and Z are optionally bonded together to form a cycle selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

7. (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein R₁, R₂, R₅, R₇, and R₁₀ are each hydrogen.

8. (Amended) A compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 wherein X is -NZ- and Z is C₁ - C₃ alkyl, with the proviso that when R₁₁ is bond, then R₁₂ and Z are bonded together to form a cycle selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

9. (Amended) A composition characterized by a compound according to [any of the preceding claims] Claim 1 and a carrier.